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## TOWN OFFICERS

## Selectmen and Overseers of Poor

Everett L. Jewell                      Moses S. Waterhouse  
John K. Sargent

## Assessors

Clifford R. Howe .....	Term expires	1928
George B. Crofut .....	Term expires	1929
Harold Whiting .....	Term expires	1930

## Town Clerk

Clifton B. Heath

## Tax Collector

A. Raymond Waterhouse

## Town Treasurer

# Richard A. Sargent

## Municipal Water Commissioners

John Marshall .....	Term expires 1928
Louis B. Davis .....	Term expires 1929
Charles A. Lancaster .....	Term expires 1930

## Municipal Light Commissioners

John Marshall .....	Term expires 1928
Louis B. Davis .....	Term expires 1929
Charles A. Lancaster .....	Term expires 1930

## School Committee

Willard T. Kelly .....	Term expires 1928
Harry A. Pease .....	Term expires 1929
Fred E. Sweetsir .....	Term expires 1930

# Trustees of Cemeteries

Richard A. Sargent .....	Term expires 1928
Homer R. Sargent .....	Term expires 1929
Clarence O. Libby .....	Term expires 1930



**Trustees of Public Library**

John B. Judkins .....	Term expires 1928
Alvin F. Heath .....	Term expires 1928
Frank E. Walker .....	Term expires 1929
Abbie W. Sargent .....	Term expires 1929
Laura R. Jewell .....	Term expires 1930
F. Leslie Viccaro .....	Term expires 1930

**Trustees of Kimball Park**

Herbert C. McIlvin .....	Term expires 1928
Fred G. Newton .....	Term expires 1929
Richard A. Sargent .....	Term expires 1930

**Constables**

James P. Donahue	Leon L. Dow
Joseph W. Bray	

**Surveyors of Lumber and Measurers of Wood and Bark**

John E. Currier	Byron H. Sargent
Edgar P. Sargent	

**Tree Warden**

Charles R. Ford

**Moderator**

Clarence O. Libby

**Chief of Police**

James P. Donahue

**Patrolman**

Leon L. Dow

**Special Police**

Leon L. Dow	Joseph W. Bray	Clarence O. Libby
George W. Goldsmith		Oran W. Burke
Alexander M. Sullivan		James F. Pease
George G. Hall	Milton F. Stewart	Obed Skillings
	Edward J. O'Keefe	

## TOWN REPORT

**Town Accountant**

James C. Pease

**Inspector of Animals, Milk, and Slaughtering**

Fred H. G. Chase

**Inspector of Wiring**

D. Edward Flynn

**Sealer of Weights and Measures**

John A. Hutchins

**Moth Superintendent**

Charles R. Ford

**Forest Warden**

Aaron A. Hume

**Burial Agent**

Benjamin C. Flanders

**Sworn Weighers**

Byron H. Sargent   Alice J. Hoyt   Edward H. Preble

**Engineers of Fire Department**

Aaron A. Hume   Fred O. Bailey   J. Arthur Ollis

**Superintendent of Streets**

Edward C. Emerson

**Town Forest Committee**

Frank N. Rand .....Term expires 1928

James T. Colgan .....Term expires 1929

Charles R. Ford .....Term expires 1930

**Registrars of Voters**

Clifton B. Heath

J. H. Parker Thornell

George W. Berry

Isaac A. Williams

## LIST OF APPROPRIATIONS

Voted at the Annual Town Meeting in Merrimac,  
Mass., March 7

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Tuberculosis hospital	\$ 536.52
Support of poor	4,500.00
Soldiers' benefits	600.00
Fire Department:	
Engineers' salaries	200.00
General maintenance	2,800.00
Forest warden	100.00
Highways	5,500.00
Snow removal	3,500.00
Rocks bridge	483.00
New sidewalks	400.00
Sidewalks, railing and bridge maintenance	400.00
Tree warden	150.00
Public library	850.00
Miscellaneous	800.00
Cemeteries	1,400.00
Water Department:	
Water in town buildings	100.00
Hydrant service	2,370.00
Construction	250.00
Maintenance	781.44
Light Department:	
Lighting town buildings	566.16
Lighting streets	1,051.09
Bonding town officers	170.00
Suppression of moths	850.00
Board of health	250.00
Memorial Day:	
For the G. A. R. and A. L.	200.00

Insurance	1,635.00
Repairs on town hall	300.00
Maintenance on town hall	600.00
Police department	4,100.00
Public health nursing service	1,600.00
Printing	550.00
Reserve Fund	1,000.00
Maturing Debt	8,000.00
Interest	1,431.00
School Department:	
Salaries of school committee	175.00
General school purposes	28,825.00
Town Officers:	
Selectmen and overseers of poor	750.00
Town accountant	750.00
Assessors	700.00
Town clerk	250.00
Town treasurer	300.00
Collector of taxes for 1926	830.00
Registrars of voters	125.00
Election officers	125.00
Inspector of animals	100.00
Inspector of slaughtering	50.00
Inspector of wiring	100.00
Sealer of weights and measures	75.00
Moderator	15.00
Inspector of milk	25.00
Town counsel	100.00
Cutting bushes on roadsides	200.00
Setting out trees on streets	200.00
Setting out trees and care of town forest	150.00
Purchase of fire hose	500.00
Toilets at Prospect street school house	1,000.00
Tiling Brook	1,800.00



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### Light Extension:

Pleasant St. Port	170.62
Union St. extension	115.00
Roberts to Gillette	363.00

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\$85,817.83

CLIFTON B. HEATH,  
Town Clerk.

**APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED FOR 1928**

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**General Government:**

Moderator	\$ 15.00
Selectmen	750.00
Accountant	1,000.00
Treasurer	300.00
Collector for 1927	785.00
Assessors	700.00
Town Counsel	100.00
Town Clerk	250.00
Registrars	125.00
Elections Officers	280.00
Town Hall maintenance	750.00
Town Hall repairs	300.00
Bonding Town Officers	180.00

**Protection of Persons and Property:**

Police Department	4,100.00
Fire Engineers	200.00
Fire Department	2,800.00
Hydrant Service	1,906.20
Sealer of Weights and Measures	75.00
Inspector of Wires	100.00
Moth Department	850.00
Tree Warden	150.00
Forest Warden	100.00
Town Forest	300.00
Setting out trees on streets	150.00

**Health and Sanitation:**

Board of Health	250.00
Public Health Nurse	1,600.00
Inspector of Animals	100.00
Inspector of Slaughter	50.00

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Inspector of Milk	25.00
Essex County T. B. Hospital	545.15
Highways:	
Highway Department	5,500.00
Snow removal	3,000.00
Sidewalks, railings, bridges	500.00
Permanent sidewalks	1,000.00
Rocks Bridge	600.00
Street lights	1,226.48
Cutting brush	200.00
Charities:	
Poor Department	6,000.00
Soldiers Relief	950.00
Schools and Libraries:	
School Committee	175.00
School Department	28,825.00
Public Library	850.00
Unclassified:	
Memorial Day	200.00
Printing	600.00
Miscellaneous	800.00
Lighting Town buildings	526.56
Water in Town buildings	100.00
Insurance	684.00
Reserve fund	1,000.00
Interest	1,100.00
Maturing debt	7,000.00
Cemeteries	1,200.00
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	\$80,873.39

ERNEST W. HASKELL,  
JOHN K. SARGENT,  
WILLIS H. SCOTT,  
BYRON H. SARGENT,  
JOHN B. JUDKINS,

Appropriation Committee.

## REPORT OF SELECTMEN

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To the Citizens of the Town of Merrimac:

In submitting the report of the Board of Selectmen for the year ending December 31, 1927, we believe we are rendering an accounting of those things entrusted to our care, and the expenditure of the money of our Departments that will compare favorably with other years.

We have endeavored to return as great a value as possible for all expenditures, and while we consider it a year of some accomplishment, yet we could wish to have achieved greater results.

### **Poor Department**

We have endeavored to keep all appropriations from being overdrawn and have succeeded in all except the Poor Department. This is in all probability the hardest department that confronts the Selectmen, for in this department we have to deal with human sorrows, which have come to those who, less fortunate than others, have been obliged to ask for aid and assistance from the citizens of the Town. We regret that this Department has been overdrawn, but the expense of this Department is one the citizens should look upon with charity, always remembering that no expenditure is knowingly made to the unworthy.

### **Highway Department**

We believe that the time has come when the Town should have some general program in road construction.

With the ever increasing number of automo-



biles, both locally and transient, and with the increasing use of larger and heavier trucks, all roads are receiving more and heavier traffic; this is especially noticeable in the early Spring or during the winter months, with its freezing and thawing, when all roads suffer the severest punishment, necessitating each year more and more repairs which are of only a temporary nature.

By the use of oil, all streets not of a permanent construction, are made to withstand for a short period present usage and resist more strenuously the effects of the elements.

This year we expended more for this treatment than ever before, yet we were unable to care for the increasing demands in the outlying districts and some of these roads at certain times of the year are almost if not wholly impassable. These must receive a due portion of attention and betterments with the rest.

Oiling, patching and scraping is an expense that can from year to year decrease, only by wisely and judiciously building permanently.

We recommend that the town outline some general plan of permanent road construction.

### **Permanent Sidewalks**

This year we have completed some permanent sidewalks, not as much as should be done, but as conditions would enable us to do. The tar, gravel and cinder walks have been repaired as far as possible; but this is of no permanent construction, as many of them are only sidewalks in name, and nothing of a lasting nature can be done without cooperation from the property owners and a larger appropriation for permanent sidewalks.

### **Snow Removal**

The expense of this is always governed by the amount of snow that falls, which no one can foretell. The town equipment is in a good condition to meet emergencies as they may arise.

### **Sidewalks, Railings and Bridges**

We have asked for an increase in this appropriation, because we feel that more railings should be put up at Merrimacport, along the banks of the river than has been done in the past.

### **Town Office**

We wish to bring to the attention of the citizens, the present condition of the Town Office. As you all know, it is the only available room in the Town Hall for the Selectmen, Assessors, Treasurer, Town Accountant, Tax Collector, Police Department and various departments for the execution of town business. The amount of business transacted is increasing continually in each department, and adequate provisions have not been made from year to year to meet these increases. It is important that something should be done to obtain more room at once, so that the ordinary business of the town may be transacted in a satisfactory manner.

It is very difficult for two or more different departments to work to advantage at the same time, in the same office. This is something that is trying to be done more often than is for the best interests of the town, and also of the citizens and of those who happen to be immediately concerned.

Respectfully submitted,

EVERETT L. JEWELL,  
MOSES S. WATERHOUSE,  
JOHN K. SARGENT,  
Selectmen of Merrimac.

**ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT**  

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen: In compliance with the provisions of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, and amendments thereto, I herewith submit the following report of the Accountant's Department:

**RECEIPTS****TAXES**

Year 1926—Town	\$15,488.52	
Year 1927—Town	61,080.36	
	<hr/>	\$76,568.88
Income Tax, 1925, Commonwealth	\$ 70.00	
Income Tax, 1926, Commonwealth	525.00	
Income Tax, 1927, Commonwealth	2,558.75	
Corporation taxes	2,558.75	
Bank Taxes	204.95	
	<hr/>	12,125.08

**LICENSES AND PERMITS**

Victualers	\$ 15.00
Pool	14.00
Milk	9.00
Dance	26.00
Filling Station	13.00
Wrestling	2.00
Alcohol	1.00

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Second Hand Auto Dealer	1.00	
Garage	3.00	
Second Hand Auto Dealer	1.00	
Auctioneers	4.00	
Oleo	1.50	
Revolver	3.50	
Pedlers	24.00	
Moving Picture	25.00	
Slaughter	5.00	
Undertaker	1.00	
Gasoline Storage	13.00	
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		161.00

## FINES

Court	\$ 373.90	
Library	56.21	
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		430.11

## INSPECTION

Weights and measures	24.70
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GENERAL GOVERNMENT  
RENTS

Town hall	\$418.00	
Town offices	468.00	
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		886.00

## BOARD OF HEALTH

Nurses' fees	261.90
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## MOTH TAXES

Year 1926	\$ 43.50	
Year 1927	208.27	
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		251.77



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### SIDEWALK TAXES

Year 1926	32.46
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### FORESTRY

Gypsy moth, 1926, Commonwealth	30.25
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### SCHOOLS

School fund, Commonwealth \$	2,191.66
Superintendent of schools	483.34

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2,675.00

### HIGHWAYS

Year 1927—Commonwealth \$	3,000.00
Sale of tar and stone	94.87
Sale of tile	15.80
Rent of hall to Legion	2.00

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3,112.67

### CHARITIES

From other places	859.28
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### SOLDIER BENEFITS

From Commonwealth	407.27
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### WATER DEPARTMENT

Water Rates	\$ 9,291.32
Repairing service pipe	129.14
Laying service pipe	251.02
Miscellaneous	48.36
Rent of station, Light Dept.	350.00
Station wages, Light Dept.	500.00
Office expenses, Light Dept.	219.76
Payrolls, Light Dept.	915.25

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11,704.85

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## LIGHT DEPARTMENT

Light sales	\$ 8,077.88	
Power sales	22,294.25	
Pole rentals	21.65	
Lamps and merchandise sales	1,372.28	
Miscellaneous	231.39	
Use of truck—Water Dept.	98.27	
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		32,095.72

## REFUNDS

Selectmen's Dept.—Telephone	\$ .60	
Town Hall Dept.:		
Reimbursement on amount		
paid	3.99	
Highway Dept.—Payroll	10.00	
Board of Health, Commonwealth	50.00	
Fire Dept.—Barrels	11.50	
Highway Dept.:		
Street repairs	14.00	
Selectmen's Dept.:		
Ash cans	15.00	
School Dept.:		
Dog license	186.99	
Highway Dept.:		
Reimbursement on freight		
bill	4.68	
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		296.76

## UNCLASSIFIED

Fiftieth anniversary	4.50
Tax titles	20.21

## INTEREST

On taxes	\$ 765.98
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On general deposits	92.12	
On trust funds	1,290.46	
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### TRUST FUNDS

Principal on trust funds	570.00
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### LOANS

Anticipation of revenue	30,000.00
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### TRANSFERS

Public Library Investment		
Funds	\$23,962.52	
Light Dept.—Surplus	2,000.00	
Town Forest	100.00	
Cemetery Perpetual Care		
Funds	242.00	
Kimball Park Trust Funds	154.88	
	<hr/>	26,459.40
Total Receipts		\$201,126.37
Cash Balance, January 1, 1927		4,619.47
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		\$205,745.84

## EXPENDITURES

### GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Moderator	\$15.00
Selectmen:	
Chairman	450.00
Other two	300.00
Accountant	708.32
Treasurer	300.00
Collector	830.00

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## Assessors:

Clerk	273.33
Other two	404.11
Town Counsel	100.00
Town Clerk	237.50

## Election and Registration:

Registrars	121.25
Election officers	90.00
Bonding Town Officers	169.00
Certification of Notes	6.00

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 4,004.51

## TOWN HALL MAINTENANCE

Salary Janitor	\$ 50.00
Openings	174.00
Fuel	327.39
Extra labor	5.50
Supplies	43.95

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 600.84

## TOWN HALL REPAIRS

Plumbing	\$114.41
Electric wiring	10.67
Setting glass	14.35
Town clock	17.98

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 157.41

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 \$4,762.76

 PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY  
 POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Salaries:

Chief	\$1,509.20
Night Watch	490.80
Night Patrolman	1,225.00



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### Specials:

Joseph W. Bray	\$115.50
C. O. Libby	114.75
G. W. Goldsmith	88.50
Alex M. Sullivan	84.75
Leon L. Dow	53.50
Oran W. Burke	25.00
Obed Skillings	9.00
Milton Stewart	5.00
Geo. B. Crofut	1.50

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497.50

### Other expenses:

Traveling expenses	\$176.97
Attorneys' fees	80.00
Posting warrants	11.00
Posting caucus calls	2.00
Postage and envelopes	12.09
Street painting	18.80
Meals to prisoners	13.05
Automobile certificates	1.50
Telephone	11.10
Labor	5.00
Burying animals	2.00
Motorcycle registration	5.00
Supplies	38.98

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4.099.99

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

### Salaries:

Engineers	\$ 200.00
Clerk	10.00
Call Men	1,266.75
Superintendent of fire	
alarm	125.00
Stewards	110.00

## Fuel:

Coal and Wood	402.62
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## Equipment:

Fire hose	490.00
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Helmets	3.45
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Respirators	14.09
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Hose clamp	12.63
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Alarm boxes	131.81
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Electrical supplies	19.19
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Chemical hose	68.50
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## Other Expenses:

Insurance on fire truck	46.20
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Insurance on Pumping	
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Engine	48.60
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Labor and alarms	95.87
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Iron wire	85.21
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Hauling hose	35.00
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Chemical supplies	39.39
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Carpentry	17.60
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Jobbing	11.50
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Alarm paint	6.88
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Gas and oil	19.60
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Freight and express	4.51
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Supplies for equipment	16.20
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Office supplies	10.70
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## Motor Apparatus:

Supplies and repairs	69.14
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3,360.44

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\$12,223.19

## MOTH DEPARTMENT

## Salaries:

Superintendent	\$343.00
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Labor	214.75
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## Other Expenses:

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Teams	100.50
Insecticides	139.66
Shop Rent	47.00
Gas	3.96
Cartage	.50

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849.37

### TREE WARDEN

Labor	\$132.00.
Horse hire	13.50
Saw	3.50

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149.00

### FOREST WARDEN

Labor	76.25
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### SETTING OUT TREES ON STREETS

Labor	180.50
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### SETTING OUT TREES AND CARE OF TOWN FOREST

Labor	182.00
Express on trees	2.32

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184.32

### WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Sealer:	
Salary	75.00

### INSPECTOR OF WIRING

Inspector:	
Salary	100.00

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\$13,837.63

## HEALTH AND SANITATION

## Vital Statistics:

Returning births	\$ 3.25
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## Contagious Diseases:

Board and treatment	190.00
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Dump—Labor	28.80
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Brooks—Labor	37.50
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## Other Expenses

Burial of animals	3.00
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Fumigating materials	14.84
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## Public Health Nurse:

Salary	\$1,283.30
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Rent of office	127.50
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Rent of garage	45.00
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Light	7.20
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Gas for auto	42.50
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Medicine	1.29
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Auto accessories	7.95
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Telephone	7.25
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Postage	3.94
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Labor on auto	31.00
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1,556.93

## County Hospital:

Maintenance	536.52
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## Tiling Brook:

Labor	\$777.41
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Pipe	922.00
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Freight on pipe	425.32
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Surveying	12.00
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Supplies	18.94
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2,155.67

## Inspections:

Animals (salary)	100.00
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Slaughter (salary)	50.00
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Milk (salary)	25.00
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\$18,539.14



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## HIGHWAYS

## GENERAL

Labor	\$5,613.18	
Asphalt	1,665.27	
Tarvia	248.25	
Hot patch	43.20	
Calcium chloride	118.75	
Pipe	115.60	
Crushed Stone	53.15	
Cement	12.75	
Culverts	91.39	
Equipment	11.76	
Repairs	120.68	
Wiring storehouse	45.08	
Gas	78.37	
Cylinder oil	33.30	
Freight	548.27	
Freight	158.27	
Express	2.39	
Grate Frames	85.50	
Mattocks	3.00	
Light bulbs	4.80	
Supplies	99.11	
		8,603.80

## Snow Removal:

Labor	\$2,152.70
Fuel	53.16
Repairs on storehouse	89.04
Repairs on tractor	360.85
Gas and oil	228.71
Presto-Light tanks	6.25
Freight	9.23
Express	.67
Stove	17.65
Returning State truck	8.54

Supplies	41.61	
	<hr/>	2,968.41
Sidewalks, Railings, Bridges:		
Labor	\$369.00	
Old Poles	30.00	
	<hr/>	399.00
New Sidewalks:		
Labor	\$302.87	
Brick	9.50	
To Abutter	86.75	
	<hr/>	399.12
Rocks Bridge:		
Maintenance		268.64
Cutting Bushes		
Labor	\$159.25	
Horse hire	34.00	
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New Street Signs:		
Labor	\$113.20	
Cement	11.33	
Trucking	10.00	
Signs	668.70	
	<hr/>	803.23
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		\$32,174.59

### CHARITIES AND SOLDIERS' BENEFITS

#### Poor Departments:

Food	\$ 778.11
Fuel	453.68
Board and care	2,413.00

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Medical attendance and supplies	307.15	
Relief by state institutions	1,202.42	
Cash	769.50	
Burial	89.50	
Rent	672.21	
Clothing	126.72	
Washing	37.75	
Moving furniture	2.50	
Nursing	34.00	
Ambulance	10.00	
Relief by other cities and towns	1,009.26	
		7,905.80
Soldiers' Benefits:		
State aid		84.00
Soldier Benefits:		
Food	\$437.02	
Fuel	122.90	
Rent	217.50	
Cash	180.00	
Burial	2.00	
		959.42
		<u>\$41,123.81</u>

## SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES

## SCHOOLS

## Administration:

School committee

salaries \$ 175.00

Superintendent 634.96

## Teachers' Salaries:

Regular 16,993.63

Special	700.00
Fuel	2,100.48
Janitors' Salaries	1,032.00
Books and Supplies:	
Books	798.14
Supplies	707.49
Transportation:	
Trucks, electric cars and automobiles	2,340.00
Insurance:	
Truck and automobile	240.61
General Repairs:	
Plumbing	661.45
Painting	456.50
Carpentry	943.75
Water connection	46.20
Miscellaneous	23.87
Building Improvements:	
Toilets—Prospect St. School	999.97
Health:	
Salary, nurse	235.91
New Equipment:	
Furniture, typewriters, etc.	378.91
Other Expenses:	
Traveling expenses, Superintendent	125.00
School physician	50.00
School census	25.00
Truant officer	50.00
School Committee Expense	14.40
Superintendent's expense	54.85
Janitor's supplies	87.54
New Flag	7.98
Cleaning school rooms	156.35
Inspection heating plant	5.00



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Janitor's miscellaneous	33.20	
Diplomas	12.10	
Tuning pianos	10.50	
Certificates	5.00	
Miscellaneous expense	15.00	
Tuition:		
Vocational	6.00	
Other	60.00	
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		30,171.94
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		\$71,295.75

## LIBRARY

Salaries:		
Librarian	\$287.50	
Books	448.37	
Periodicals	32.20	
Light bulbs	1.50	
Cleaning rooms	18.00	
Librarian's expense	5.03	
Fuel	50.00	
Cards, labels, guides	18.05	
		<hr/>
		860.65
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		\$72,156.40

## UNCLASSIFIED

Land Damage:		
Sundry persons		2,625.65
Memorial Day:		
American Legion		100.00
Grand Army of Republic		100.00
Insurance:		
State truck	\$ 58.35	
Tractor	108.15	
Health nurse automobile	43.50	

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Town buildings	1,165.12
Workmen's compensation and employer's lia- bility	292.19

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 1,667.31

## Printing:

1926 town reports	\$206.40
Selectmen's Dept.	27.50
Collectors' Dept.	29.00
Town clerk	6.25
Registrars	64.50
Election officers	92.50

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 426.15

## MISCELLANEOUS

## Selectmen:

Traveling expenses	\$ 7.00
P. O. Box rent	1.80
Stamps and stationery	5.13
Express	3.08
Repairs typewriter	8.00
Copy of gas hearing	103.68

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 128.69

## Treasurer:

Safe deposit box rent	10.00
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## Collector:

Envelopes	33.64
Books and blanks	7.38
Registering deeds	7.89

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 48.91

## Assessors:

Stamps	5.00
Auto tax list	5.00

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Books and blanks	20.00	
Office supplies	3.25	
Registry of deeds	51.72	
	<hr/>	84.97
Town Clerk:		
Recording births, deaths, marriages	\$90.00	
Postage	13.83	
Telephone	1.30	
Express	.40	
Qualifying officers and acknowledgments	22.00	
	<hr/>	127.53
Sealer:		
Book	\$5.80	
Equipment	5.00	
	<hr/>	10.80
Election and Registry:		
Postage and supplies		3.11
Highways:		
Direction signs		95.00
Kimball Park:		
Labor and supplies		154.88
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		\$77,739.40
Accountant:		
Traveling expenses	\$16.62	
Supplies	3.57	
	<hr/>	20.19
Town Hall Maintenance, Misc.:		
Telephone	\$115.73	
Fire extinguishers	29.60	

Furniture	70.50
Express	2.81
Gas installation	20.11

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 238.75

## Reserve Fund:

Poor department	\$496.88
Soldiers' relief	359.42
Board of health	27.39
Insurance	32.31
State aid	84.00

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 1,000.00

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 \$78,998.34

PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES  
ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPARTMENT

## Administration:

Commissioners	\$ 74.92
Manager	1,269.82
Collector	739.92
Water department	219.76
Rent of office—to town	84.00
Office	112.70

## Station:

Rent—	
To Water Department	350.00
Wages—	
To Water Department	500.00
Tools	58.37
Current	18,633.21

## Construction:

Meters	566.99
Transformers	579.05
Street lines	1,459.27
Renewals	485.80



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## Maintenance:

Repair of lines	1,091.17
Lamps	796.18
Merchandise	775.49
Motor expense	178.83
Insurance	134.83
Refund customers' deposit	27.62
Municipal light tax	9.94
Office grill	164.00
Incidentals	103.34

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28,415.21

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\$107,413.55

## WATER DEPARTMENT

### Administration:

Commissioners	\$ 74.96
Superintendent	799.76
Collectors	469.92
Rent of office—to town	84.00
Telephone	39.25
Postage and stationery	132.80
Fuel	264.14
Office	43.34

### Station:

Station wages	1,366.00
Fuel	3,050.81
Oil and waste	52.25
Repairs on chimney	500.00
Repairs on stand pipe	171.29
Boiler cleaning	76.44

### Construction:

Pipe and fittings	380.72
Hydrants	110.70
Labor	481.83

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Teaming	11.50	
Freight	46.93	
Maintenance:		
Labor	1,289.27	
Equipment	141.76	
Insurance	82.93	
Repairs	179.55	
Light Dept.—Use of truck	98.27	
Merchandise	41.28	
Incidentals	165.35	
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		10,155.05

## CEMETERIES

Labor	\$1,494.33	
Other Expenses:		
Sharpening mower	6.00	
Pipe and faucet	1.50	
Vise	2.00	
Grass seed	30.65	
Loam	36.00	
Dressing	18.00	
Marker	50.00	
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		1,638.48
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		\$119,207.08

## INTEREST AND MATURING DEBT

Interest:		
Anticipation of revenues	\$514.05	
Land damage	143.75	
County hospital	131.25	
Tractor	164.99	
Fire truck	61.88	
Motor pumping engine	80.00	
On water bonds	857.50	
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		1,953.42

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## Maturing Debt:

Water bonds	4,200.00
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## GENERAL LOANS

Land damage	\$1,000.00
County hospital	2,000.00
Tractor	2,000.00
Fire truck	1,000.00
Motor pumping engine	1,000.00
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	8,000.00

## TEMPORARY LOANS

Anticipation of revenue	30,000.00
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## STATE AND COUNTY CHARGES

State tax	\$4,200.00
Municipal account tax	203.54
State highway tax	446.20
County tax	4,157.86
Municipal light tax	9.94
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	9,017.54

## REFUNDS

Town taxes	\$6.16
State taxes	1.01
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	7.17

## TRUST AND INVESTMENT FUNDS

Income from trust funds	\$1,390.48
Principal—Cemetery funds	570.00
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	1,960.48

## TRANSFERS

## Light Department:

Light Dept. to town	\$2,000.00
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Library Funds:		
Liberty Bonds to Sav-	23,500.00	
ings Banks		
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	25,500.00	
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		\$199,845.69
Less Transfers:		
Reserve fund to various		
departments		1,000.00
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		\$198,845.69
Cash balance, December 31, 1927		6,900.15
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		\$205,745.84

RECAPITULATION

	Appropriations and Transfers	Expenditures	Balance
Moderator .....	\$15.00	\$15.00	
Selectmen .....	750.00	750.00	
Accountant .....	750.00	708.32	41.68
Treasurer .....	300.00	300.00	
Collector .....	830.00	830.00	
Assessors .....	700.00	677.44	22.56
Town Counsel .....	100.00	100.00	
Town Clerk .....	250.00	237.50	12.50
Registrars .....	125.00	121.25	3.75
Election Officers .....	125.00	90.00	35.00
Town Hall Maintenance .....	601.65	600.84	.87
Town Hall Repairs .....	311.34	157.41	153.93
Bonding Town Officers .....	170.00	169.00	1.00
Police Department .....	4,100.00	4,099.99	.01
Fire Engineers .....	200.00	200.00	
Fire Department .....	2,811.50	2,670.44	141.06
Fire Hose .....	500.00	490.00	10.00
Hydrant Service .....	2,370.00	2,370.00	
Sealer of Weights and Measures .....	75.00	75.00	
Inspector of Wires .....	100.00	100.00	



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Moth Department .....	850.00	849.37	.63
Tree Warden .....	150.00	149.00	1.00
Forest Warden .....	100.00	76.25	23.75
Setting Trees on Streets .....	200.00	180.50	19.50
Setting Trees on and Care of Town			
Forest .....	250.00	184.32	65.68
Board of Health .....	277.39	277.39	
Public Health Nurse .....	1,600.00	1,556.93	43.07
Inspector of Animals .....	100.00	100.00	
Inspector of Slaughter .....	50.00	50.00	
Inspector of Milk .....	25.00	25.00	
Essex County T.B. Hospital .....	536.52	536.52	
Tiling Brook .....	2,155.67	2,155.67	
Highway Department .....	8,609.55	8,603.80	5.75
Snow Removal .....	3,500.00	2,968.41	531.59
New Street Signs .....	803.23	803.23	
Sidewalks, Railings and Bridges .....	400.00	399.00	1.00
New Sidewalks .....	400.00	399.12	.88
Rocks Bridge .....	483.00	268.64	214.36
Street Lights .....	1,051.09	1,051.09	
Cutting Brush on Roadside .....	200.00	193.25	6.75
Poor Department .....	4,996.88	4,996.88	
Soldiers' Relief .....	959.42	959.42	
State Aid .....	84.00	84.00	
School Committee .....	175.00	175.00	
School Department .....	29,011.99	28,996.97	15.02
Toilets (School) .....	1,000.00	999.97	.03
Public Library .....	861.00	860.65	.35
Memorial Day .....	200.00	200.00	
Printing .....	550.00	426.15	123.85
Miscellaneous .....	800.00	773.95	26.05
Lighting Town Buildings .....	566.16	566.16	
Water in Town Buildings .....	100.00	100.00	
Insurance .....	1,667.31	1,667.31	
Reserve Fund .....	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Interest .....	1,431.00	1,095.92	335.08
Maturing Debt .....	8,000.00	8,000.00	
Electric Light Extensions .....	648.62	285.62	363.00
Water Maintenance .....	1,031.44	1,031.44	
Cemeteries .....	1,642.00	1,638.48	3.52
Land Damage, 1926 .....	2,630.00	2,625.65	4.35
Kimball Park .....	154.88	154.88	
Interest Water Bonds .....	857.50	857.50	
Water Bonds .....	4,200.00	4,200.00	
Temporary Loans .....	30,000.00	30,000.00	

State Taxes .....	4,859.68	4,859.68	
County Tax .....	4,157.86	4,157.86	
Refund—Town Taxes .....	6.16	6.16	
Refund—State Taxes .....	1.01	1.01	
Income—Trust Funds .....	1,960.48	1,960.48	
Principal—Trust Funds .....	23,500.00	23,500.00	
Light Department Surplus .....	2,000.00	2,000.00	
Hydrant—Grove St. ....	1,250.00	1,031.68	218.32
Light Department .....	36,799.38	26,512.34	10,287.04
Water Department .....	7,453.41	5,621.93	1,831.48
To be provided for)			
Poor Overdraft .....	2,908.92	2,908.92	
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	\$214,390.04	\$199,845.69	\$14,544.35

### CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE TRUST FUNDS

	Amount	Balance Dec. 31, 1926	Interest April and October 1927	1927 Expended	Balance Dec. 31, 1927
Daniel C. Means .....	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$100.00
Frank C. Williams .....	100.00	100.13	4.55	3.00	101.68
Melville A. Cunningham....	100.00	100.75	4.57	3.00	102.32
Charles A. Wallace .....	100.00	100.50	4.55	4.00	101.05
George W. and Olive O. Judkins .....	150.00	163.32	7.41	6.00	164.73
George S. Sargent .....	100.00	113.49	5.15	3.00	115.64
Donald Mac Diamind .....	150.00	158.40	7.18	3.00	162.58
Wm. H. Young .....	100.00	101.08	4.59	3.00	102.67
The Clement Fund .....	75.00	79.86	3.60	2.50	80.96
Everet Carlton .....	100.00	105.36	4.77	4.00	106.13
Emma P. Emerson .....	100.00	106.17	4.82	3.50	107.49
John H. Cleary .....	100.00	110.43	5.00	2.00	113.43
John W. Foster .....	150.00	160.16	7.27	5.00	162.43
A. E. Porter .....	150.00	179.64	8.15	3.00	184.79
M. A. Gassett .....	100.00	106.57	4.82	3.00	108.39
J. W. Johnson .....	100.00	107.98	4.89	3.00	109.87
Warren E. Wallace .....	100.00	110.51	5.00	3.00	112.51
Lilla P. Laraway .....	100.00	107.22	4.86	3.00	109.08

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D. J. Poore (Resided Locust St.) .....	300.00	464.58	21.13	92.75	392.96
Rhoda S. Poora (F. Sargent) Church St. ....	200.00	287.79	13.08	5.00	259.87
Otis W. Little .....	200.00	254.64	11.57	5.00	261.21
Susan G. Sargent .....	75.00	80.75	3.65	2.50	81.90
Marietta B. Sargent .....	250.00	400.21	18.20	4.00	414.41
Caroline S. Noyes .....	100.00	121.02	5.49	3.50	123.01
Adeline Whittier .....	100.00	135.21	6.15	24.90	116.46
J. Warren Sargent .....	100.00	110.69	5.02	3.50	112.21
Ruth C. Rowell .....	200.00	297.87	13.52	6.00	305.39
Sarah A. Pattee (Locust Grove) .....	175.00	233.55	10.60	5.00	239.15
Sarah A. Pattee (Church St.)	125.00	150.05	6.82	5.00	151.87
I. B. Little .....	337.87	462.03	21.02	6.00	477.05
John Bancroft .....	50.00	50.95	2.30	2.00	51.25
Aaron Bancroft .....	50.00	50.41	2.28	2.00	50.69
Thomas D. Nelson .....	150.00	225.49	10.24	36.35	199.38
Mabel Jones Shepardson..	100.00	107.05	4.86	4.00	107.91
Henry E. Crosby .....	65.00	108.73	4.93	3.00	110.66
A. Linda Little .....	150.00	179.20	8.15	6.00	181.35
Mrs. Gilman H. Hoyt .....	100.00	109.62	4.97	3.00	111.59
Etta H. Colby .....	100.00	104.21	4.73	4.00	104.94
Phineas Chase .....	100.00	100.21	4.55	5.00	99.76
Chas. A. Bridges .....	100.00	113.73	5.15	3.00	115.88
Louise Clement .....	100.00	124.04	5.63	3.00	126.67
Carrie C. Noyes .....	150.00	189.52	8.59	5.00	193.11
W. O. Smiley .....	100.00	113.34	5.13	3.00	115.47
Hattie & Carrie Baxter....	100.00	115.54	5.25	3.00	117.84
Parmelia Trefethen .....	100.00	122.17	5.54	3.00	124.71
Ida E. Stevens .....	125.00	147.02	6.69	4.00	149.71
Mary Ann Chase .....	100.00	111.22	5.04	4.00	112.26
Stuart Chase and Sargent	150.00	155.26	7.05	5.00	157.31
Charles A. Noyes .....	75.00	85.33	3.87	3.50	85.70
Mason W. R. Downing ....	125.00	142.87	6.49	5.00	144.36
William Gilday .....	100.00	106.92	4.84	5.00	106.76
Moses Stevens .....	100.00	115.00	5.22	3.00	117.22
Elizabeth M. Cooper .....	100.00	112.49	5.11	3.50	114.10
Amos Weed .....	100.00	112.74	5.11	2.50	115.35
E. Fanny Bradley .....	100.00	104.11	4.73	5.00	103.84
Porter Sargent .....	150.00	180.31	8.19	5.00	183.50
Melville S. Gibbs .....	50.00	50.43	2.28	2.50	50.21
Addie S. Sawyer .....	100.00	109.74	4.97	3.00	111.71
Arthur C. Sargent .....	100.00	114.54	5.20	2.50	117.24



Heirs of A. R. Kimball ....	100.00	104.53	4.73	3.00	106.26
George E. Ricker .....	100.00	107.18	4.86	3.50	108.54
Alfred G. Wells .....	200.00	218.13	9.93	27.50	200.56
Stephens C. Parsons .....	200.00	226.45	10.29	4.00	232.74
Alfred H. Colby .....	100.00	106.50	4.82	5.00	106.32
Frank Ward .....	200.00	225.28	10.24	3.50	232.02
D. A. Moulton .....	100.00	116.29	5.27	2.50	119.06
S. C. Pease .....	150.00	172.45	7.83	4.00	176.28
Capt. Moses Sargent .....	50.00	51.45	2.32	2.00	51.77
Nicholas Sargent .....	50.00	51.45	2.32	2.00	51.77
W. D. Sargent (Edgar P. Sargent Lot .....	200.00	241.18	10.96	24.90	227.24
Mary Abby Hoyt .....	200.00	228.70	10.37	5.00	234.07
Wm. Greeley .....	100.00	105.64	4.79	3.00	107.48
Moses S Brown .....	100.00	112.13	5.59	3.00	114.22
Addie Haley .....	100.00	104.40	4.73	3.00	106.13
Henry C. Fox .....	100.00	106.42	4.82	2.50	108.74
George G. Larkin .....	300.00	320.31	14.56	9.50	325.37
M. E. Sargent .....	100.00	108.32	4.91	5.00	108.23
Eliza M. Sawyer .....	114.00	127.08	5.76	4.50	128.34
Emily S. Goodwin .....	250.00	310.06	14.11	4.00	320.17
John L. and Sophia A. Merrill .....	200.00	301.79	13.70	5.00	310.49
Moses Goodrich .....	100.00	110.63	5.02	4.00	111.65
W. A. Paine .....	50.00	58.99	2.66	2.00	59.65
J. E. Prescott .....	125.00	143.47	6.51	5.00	144.98
Herbert F. Chase .....	100.00	106.20	4.82	2.50	108.52
Willis H. Scott .....	75.00	84.09	3.80	2.50	85.39
Jacob T. Crosby .....	100.00	112.57	5.11	3.00	114.68
John B. Judkins .....	350.00	396.71	18.02	6.00	408.73
Wm. Betts .....	150.00	157.14	7.13	24.10	140.17
Horace J. Batchelder and George H. Nichols ....	200.00	203.09	9.23	6.00	206.32
Erastus Sargent .....	100.00	101.27	4.29	2.50	103.36
Joseph N. Leavitt .....	100.00	104.27	4.73	3.00	106.00
James D. Pike .....	100.00	103.89	4.71	3.00	105.60
Mary E. Robinson .....	150.00	152.67	6.93	3.00	156.60
Charles E. Rowell .....	150.00	153.82	6.97	3.00	157.79
Edward C. Sherman .....	100.00	101.55	4.59	3.00	103.14
Gostavius D. Veal .....	100.00	102.68	4.64	2.50	104.82
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	\$12,191.87	\$14,211.03	\$643.39	\$563.50	
Conrad Kippenberger .....					50.00
Judson S. Jewett .....					100.00



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Herbert C. Oak .....	150.00
Walter S. Chaloner .....	170.00
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Balance December 31, 1927 .....	\$14,760.92

## JAMES WHITTIER LIBRARY FUND

Balance Jan. 1, 1927 .....	\$577.32
Interest .....	26.26
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	\$603.58
Expenditure .....	11.00
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	592.58

## A. E. GOODWIN LIBRARY FUND

Balance Jan. 1, 1927 .....	\$291.51
Interest .....	13.26
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	304.77

## D. J. POOLE LIBRARY FUND

Balance Jan. 1, 1927 .....	\$597.36
Interest .....	27.16
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	624.52

## JUDITH W. KIMBALL PARK FUND

Balance Jan. 1, 1927 .....	\$1,000.00
Interest .....	45.00
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	\$1,045.00
Expenditure .....	45.00
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	1,000.00

## AMOS WEED PARK FUND

Balance Jan. 1, 1927 .....	\$1,987.02
Interest .....	89.42
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	\$2,076.44
Expenditure .....	109.88
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	1,966.56

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## SURPLUS WAR BONUS FUND

Balance Jan. 1, 1927 .....	\$1,327.36
Interest .....	60.39

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1,387.75

## CEMETERY CONTINGENT FUND

Balance Jan. 1, 1927 .....	\$374.85
Interest .....	17.04

	\$391.89
Expenditure .....	23.50

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368.39

## T. H. HOYT LIBRARY FUND

Balance Jan. 1, 1927 .....	\$25,557.80
Interest .....	1,043.84
Premium on securities sold .....	306.42
Accrued interest on securities sold .....	145.10

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27,053.16

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Total trust and investment funds .....	\$48,058.65
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# BALANCE SHEET, DECEMBER 31, 1927 TOWN OF MERRIMAC

## GENERAL ACCOUNTS

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Cash:		Unexpended Balances, 1927:	
In banks and offices .....	\$6,900.15	Electric light construction .....	\$10,650.04
In Savings Banks:		Electric light depreciaton .....	5,726.54
Electric light depreciation .....	5,726.54	Electric light reserve .....	6,994.86
Electric light reserve .....	6,994.86	Water constructed for Abatements:	2,049.80
Accounts Receivable:		Overlay Reserved for Abatements:	
Taxes:		Levy of 1926 .....	1,613.04
Levy of 1926 .....	483.18	Levy of 1927 .....	2,034.78
Levy of 1927 .....	17,474.28	Reserve fund overlay reserve .....	484.94
Special Assessments:		Moth assessment revenue .....	47.35
Moth of 1927 .....	47.35	Tax title revenue .....	914.10
Water Rates:		Water revenue .....	3,262.70
Charges of 1927 .....	3,262.70	Electric light revenue .....	3,280.66
Electric Light Sales:		Excess and Deficiency:	
Charges of 1927 .....	3,280.66	Surplus of prior years .....	6,185.52
Due from State:		Surplus of 1927 .....	4,832.41
State Aid, 1927 .....	84.00		
Tax Titles .....	914.10		
To be provided for in 1928 .....	2,908.92		
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	\$48,076.74		\$48,076.74

DEBT ACCOUNTS

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Net funded or fixed debt .....	\$26,500.00	Water loan .....	\$17,500.00
		Land damage loan .....	2,000.00
		Essex County tuberculosis hospital loan	2,000.00
		Motor pumping engine loan .....	1,000.00
		Tractor loan .....	2,000.00
		Fire chassis loan .....	2,000.00
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			\$26,500.00

TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Cash and Securities:		D. J. Poore, Library fund .....	\$624.52
Treasurer .....	\$47,690.26	James Whittier Library fund .....	592.58
Trustees of cemeteries .....	368.39	A. E. Goodwin Library fund .....	304.77
		T. H. Hoyt, Library fund .....	1,000.00
		Judith W. Kimball Park fund .....	1,000.00
		Amos Weed Park fund .....	1,966.56
		Surplus war bonus fund .....	1,387.75
		Cemetery perpetual care funds .....	14,760.92
		Cemetery contingent fund .....	368.39
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			\$48,058.65



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## LIABILITIES

### Bonds and Notes Payable

	Water	T. B. Hospital	Fire Engine	Fire Truck	Tractor	Land Damage	Total
Year 1928 ....	\$3500	\$2000	\$1000	\$2000	\$1000	\$1000	\$10,500
Year 1929 ....	3500				1000	1000	5,500
Year 1930 ....	3500						3,500
Year 1931 ....	3500						3,500
Year 1932 ....	3500						3,500
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	\$17,500	\$2000	\$1000	\$2000	\$2000	\$2000	\$26,500

### Interest Payable on Bonds and Notes

Year 1928 ....	\$700	\$43.75	\$40	\$20.62	\$82.50	\$80	\$966.87
Year 1929 ....	560				20.62	40	620.62
Year 1930 ....	420						420.00
Year 1931 ....	280						280.00
Year 1932 ....	140						140.00
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	\$2100	\$43.75	\$40	\$20.62	\$103.12	\$120	\$2,427.49

JAMES C. PEASE,  
Town Accountant.

**1927 JURY LIST**

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As prepared by the Selectmen of Merrimac in compliance with Chap. 234, Sec. 4, of the General Laws.

Aldrich, George L., Merrimac St., Agent.  
Austin, Andrew H., Main St., Auto Worker.  
\*Bean, John E., School St., Electrician.  
Berry, George W., Main St., Auto Trimmer.  
Bird, Frank H., Main St., Retired.  
Blanchard, Frederic W., Merrimac St., Salesman.  
Chase, Fred H. G., Central St., Carpenter.  
Clement, Frank B., Forest St., Draftsman.  
Colby, Samuel P., Prospect St., Superintendent.  
Colgan, James T., Bear Hill St., Shoemaker.  
\*Ellis, Albert E., Prospect Hill, Auto Worker.  
Grocut, John W. J., Grove St., Woodworker.  
How, J. Duncan, Merrimac St., Salesman.  
Huntington, Nathan, Main St., Auto Trimmer.  
Hoyt, Charles E., Grove St., Painter.  
Jewell, Everett L., Main St., Woodworker.  
Kelley, Willard B., Birch Meadow, Laborer.  
\*Lane, Rollo E., Nichols St., Retired.  
\*Murphy, George W. J., Church St., Retired.  
Newton, Fred G., Main St., Retired.  
Pease, James F., Church St., Auto Painting.  
Sargent, George A., Bear Hill, Farmer.  
Twombly, Fred C., Grove St., Painter.  
Williams, Isaac A., Merrimac St., Woodworker.

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\* Drawn during the year.

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

## BIRTHS

Number of births returned	45
Males	34
Females	11
Father native born	33
Mother Native Born	35
Father and mother both native born	29
Father and mother both foreign born	6
Mixed parentage	10

## DEATHS

Number of deaths recorded	27
Males	11
Females	16
Under five years	3
Males native born	9
Females native born	12
Males foreign born	2
Females foreign born	4
Of native parentage	14
Of foreign parentage	9
Of mixed parentage	2
Average age, 56 years, 12 days	
Odest person, 88 years, 10 days	

## MARRIAGES

Number of marriages recorded	19
First marriage of groom	16
First marriage of bride	17
Grooms native born	17
Brides native born	18

Grooms foreign born	2
Brides foreign born	1
Average age of groom, 27 years, 6 months, 28 days	
Average age of bride, 24 years, 6 months, 9 days	

**Dogs**

Number of dogs licensed	112
Males	94
Females	18
Breeder's license	1

CLIFTON B. HEATH,  
Town Clerk.

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**REPORT OF JANITOR OF SARGENT HALL**

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Board of Selectmen,

Gentlemen:

Report of Janitor of Sargent Hall is as follows:

Openings	69
Free	21
Paid at \$11	37
Paid at \$1	11
Cash received and paid Town Treasurer	\$418.00

ALVIN F. HEATH,  
Janitor.



## REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF KIMBALL PARK

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To the Selectmen and Citizens of the Town of Merrimac:

Your trustees have given the Park its usual care and in addition we have placed a large light in the center which has been very much appreciated by all persons passing through in the evening.

We have put in hard surface paths, and added some shrubs to replace old ones.

We have received from the Kimball and Weed Funds income amounting to \$154.88

From which we have paid bills as follows:

Labor	\$60.50	
Installing light, balance	14.39	
Surfacing paths	26.59	
Shrubs	44.75	
Hose	8.65	
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		\$154.88

We hold now in Merrimac

Savings Bank:

Judith Kimball account \$1,000.00

Amos Weed account 1,966.06

Respectfully submitted,

H. C. McILVIN,  
FRED G. NEWTON,  
RICHARD A. SARGENT,  
Trustees of Kimball Park.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

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To the Selectmen and Citizens of the Town of  
Merrimac:

As Treasurer I have received as follows:

Balance January 1, 1927     \$ 4,596.97

Receipts to January 1, 1928 201,148.87

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\$205,745.84

Payments on orders of

    Selectmen                     \$198,845.69

Balance January 1, 1928        6,900.15

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\$205,745.84

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD A. SARGENT,  
Town Treasurer.

**PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE'S REPORT**

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The report of the Public Health Nurse for the year 1927 is as follows:

Nursing visits made	620
Prenatal visits	6
Baby welfare visits	37
Pheblitis	1
Maternity	6
Pneumonia	3
Empyema	3
Influenza	3
Rheumatism	1
Cancer	1
Infantile paralysis	2
Hernia	1
Indigestion	3
Shock	2
Sore Eyes	1
Abscess (ear)	1
Abscess (breast)	2
Accidents	1
Attendance at deliveries	3
Attendance at operations	3
Patients accompanied from hospital	1
Patients died	3

Respectfully submitted,

JEAN BADASHAW.

## REPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen—

Gentlemen:

As Chief of the Police Department of the Town of Merrimac, I hereby submit the annual report of the Department for 1927, together with recommendations for the coming year of 1928.

### Traffic

The traffic part of the Department work is getting to be the biggest question to be faced and handled.

Merrimac is situated on a main artery of traffic, is on a through road from the cities of the Merrimac River Valley to the beaches, and also on a highway that accommodates a great deal of traffic from the west that is going to the seashore, or the mountains. This is transient traffic and means very little financially to this Department or our Town, but nevertheless must be cared for. Our children and our lives and property need proper supervision and this, especially during the summer, means constant effort on the part of this Department. Laws and rules must be enforced and those motorists who do not voluntarily drive properly must be made to do so insofar as is possible.

This work must be done and must be attended to, even if the Department could be spending its time on other work. The traffic is coming through and must be attended to, as the saving of a single life of one of our people would more than pay for the expense of this Department for years.



### **Special**

Another matter that has caused this Department more expense and work in supervising is the growing popularity of Lake Attitash. During the summer months its shore is used for bathing by a large crowd of transients and it is necessary to keep a man on duty there a great deal of the time to assure proper conditions for women and children.

Merrimac has been fairly free from crime during the past year and may be considered one of the law abiding communities of the State. I feel the appointment of one regular man last Spring has a great deal to do with this condition, as the driving of careless or wild drivers through a town where a uniformed man is seen on duty has a deterrent effect on their usual operation.

We have had several drunken driver cases in the local District Court this year that actually returned no revenue to the Town by way of fines, as the law states "all auto fines go to the Commonwealth". In a way this seems a bit unfair, but I believe a Police Department should be run for the protection of lives and property and not for a financial showing.

### **Regular Officer**

The addition of Leon L. Dow on May 1 as a regular officer to the Police Department has worked out very satisfactorily, and has given the citizens much better service and protection from this Department. With increased work of the Department it is practically impossible to get along with fewer than the present number of men.

At a meeting of the Board of Selectmen held in December it was voted by them to keep the regular officer on duty from January 1 to Town Meeting in March.

### **Police Quarters**

I would again call your attention to the need of better accommodations for this Department. As stated in my report of 1926, the office now used in conjunction with other departments allows no privacy, which is absolutely necessary to the proper carrying on of this Department, and the cell room has been referred to as a relic of the dark ages. Representatives of the State Board of Health have inspected this room and called attention to the law which does not allow the confinement of prisoners in basements, unless certain sanitary conditions are complied with.

### **Recommendations for 1928**

I would ask that an appropriation of \$4,700.00 be made for this Department for 1928, which allows for the pay of one regular man, in addition to the Chief, and for the employment of reserve men when needed, as well as for other regular expenses connected with the Department.

I would recommend that an addition be built on the rear of the Town Hall building, that would accommodate this Department with cells and office room on the same floor.

I hereby further submit the itemized report of the work of the Department for 1927.

### **Miscellaneous Business**

Autos reported lost and recovered	2
Auto accidents reported	38
Assisted other officers	17
Bicycles reported lost and recovered	1
Complaints investigated	131
Court fines for use of Town	\$565.00
Court fines for Commonwealth	\$970.00
Doors found open and secured	4
Dead bodies found	1

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Days attendance at District Court	173
Days attendance at Superior Court	12
Days attendance at District Court of Special Officers	14
Disturbances suppressed without arrest	5
Defects in sidewalk reported	2
Escorts furnished processions	5
Fire Dept. notified of fires, no alarm	4
Inquests	1
Injured persons assisted	20
Lights furnished for dangerous places	1
Lost children restored to parents	6
Lights found burning in buildings	4
Leaks in water pipes, reported to Water Dept.	1
Number of animals killed	16
Number of unpaid dog licenses collected	46
Number of autos transferred	179
Number of fatal auto accidents	1
Number of assignments of Officers to dances, entertainments, moving pic- tures, headlight inspections, etc.	203
Search warrants served	3
Sick persons assisted	7
Street lights reported out	6
Stray animals returned to owners	3
Subpoena served for other Police Dept.	3
Tax warrants served	8
Value of stolen property	\$1,200.00
Value of property recovered	400.00
Value of articles found	51.00
Value of property damaged	125.00
Witness subpoena served	20
Witness notified for Grand Jury	1
Witness notified for Superior Court	6
Assistance given to agents of Society Prevention of Cruelty to Animals	2



Total number of arrests	95
Male	91
Female	4
Resident	23
Non-resident	72

## Charged as follows:

Assault and battery	2
Concealing leased property	2
Capais	1
Delinquent child	5
Drunkenness	12
Insane	1
Larceny	1
Lewdness	1
Manslaughter	1
Safekeeping	4
Violation of the Motor Vehicle law	38
Violation of Liquor law	5
Violation of Pure Food law	2
Violation of Gaming law	1
Violation of Fishing law	1
Violaton of Law of Road	14
Violation of probation	4

## Disposed of as follows:

9 Cases continued.	
1 Committed to Danvers.	
1 Committed to Lyman School.	
1 Committed to Department of Public Welfare.	
1 Dismissed.	
1 Defaulted.	
13 Discharged.	
10 Guilty. Filed.	
7 Fined \$5.00. Paid.	
2 Fined \$5.00. Committed to jail.	
17 Fined \$10.00. Paid.	
1 Fined \$10.00. Committed to jail.	



- 3 Fined \$15.00. Paid.
- 2 Fined \$25.00. Paid.
- 1 Fined \$50.00. Paid.
- 1 Fined \$50.00. Paid, and 30 days suspended  
for 2 years. Probation.
- 1 Fined \$75.00. Paid.
- 2 Fined \$100.00. Paid.
- 2 Fined \$100.00. Appealed.
- 2 Fined \$100.00. Committed to jail.
- 2 Fined \$150.00. Paid.
- 1 Fined \$150.00. Paid, and 60 days in H. of C.  
suspended for 2 years. Probation.
- 4 For other Police Departments.
- 5 Released.
- 1 30 days in H. of C. Appealed.
- 2 30 days in H. of C. Suspended for 2 years.  
Probation.
- 1 90 days in H. of C. Suspended for 2 years.  
Probation.
- 1 Guilty. Filed to pay damage.

I desire to thank the Honorable Board of Selectmen, His Honor Judge Charles I. Pettingell, the Associate Justices, Clerk of the District Court, the Probation Officer, the Officers of the Department, and all who in any way assisted in upholding and maintaining the good name and reputation of the Town.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES P. DONAHUE,  
Chief of Police.

## REPORT OF FIRE ENGINEERS

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To the Board of Selectmen and Citizens of the Town of Merrimac:

The Board of Engineers submit their report for the year ending December 31, 1927.

Number of alarms responded to 37.

Jan. 2, Tel. 3.45 P. M.—Chimney fire at residence of Oscar Hutchinson, Hadley Road, no damage.

Jan. 15, Tel. 12.10 P. M.—Chimney fire at residence of I. S. McClure, Bear Hill Road, no damage.

Jan. 26, Tel. 9.50 P. M.—Automobile, loss \$100.

Mar. 10, Tel. 7.30 A. M.—Chimney fire at property of Joseph Bisson, East Main St., no damage.

Mar. 24, Box 41, 8.15 P. M.—Fire at property of Joseph Bisson, Lake Attitash, loss \$100.

Mar. 31, Tel. 4.30 P. M.—Chimney fire at residence of Herbert Bailey, Locust St., no damage.

Apr. 1, Box 41, 6:20 P. M.—Grass fire at Lake Attitash Park, no damage.

Apr. 4, Tel. 10.00 A. M.—Chimney fire at residence of Monroe T. Sargent, Birch Meadow Road, no damage.

Apr. 9, Tel. 12.25 P. M.—West Newbury.

Apr. 9, Tel. 1.25 P. M.—Grass fire, East Main St., no damage.

Apr. 10—Chief's call, 6.20 P. M. Brush fire, Church St., no damage.

Apr. 12, Tel. 2.25 P. M.—Brush fire, Locust Grove, no damage.

Apr. 15, Tel. 10.45 A. M.—False alarm.

Apr. 19, Box. 26, 7.45 P. M.—Brush fire, Winter St., no damage.

Apr. 19, Box 24—Brush fire, rear of coal pockets, Church St., no damage.

Apr. 26, Tel. 3.45 P. M.—Chimney fire at property of Chester Cole, Merrimac St., no damage.

Apr. 30, Tel. 3.15 P. M.—Mill St. dump.

May 2, Box 7, 9.54 P. M.—Fire at property of Joseph Bournef, Central St., loss \$60.

May 3, Box 34, 10.15 A. M.—Fire at property of Mrs. Leslie Dore, Merrimac St. Loss \$287.

May 14, Box 42, 12.15 P. M.—Chimney fire at residence of George A. Sargent, Bear Hill Road. Loss \$25.

June 25, Box 41, 2.45 P. M.—Fire at property of John Murphy, Lake Attitash Park. Loss \$10.

June 26, Tel. 2.45 A. M.—Brush fire, East Main St., na damage.

July 4, Box 32, 2.55 A. M.—False alarm.

July 4, Box 27, 3.20 A. M.—False alarm.

July 4, Box 32—False alarm.

July 4, Box 27—False alarm.

July 13, Tel. 10 A. M.—Chimney fire at residence of Jules Andre, Church St., no damage.

July 15, Tel. 6.00 P. M.—Pumping Station. Loss \$204.42.

July 27, Tel. 3.15 P. M.—Fire at residence of William Harvey, no damage.

Aug. 7—Chief's call. Amesbury.

Sept. 14, Box 5—Automobile. Loss \$10.

Sept. 19, Tel. 11.40 A. M.—Automobile. Loss \$150.

Oct. 26, Tel. 6.45 A. M.—Chimney fire at property of Dr. F. E. Sweetsir, Birch Meadow Road, no damage.

Nov. 3, Box 25, 3.00 P. M.—False alarm.

Nov. 10, Box 25, 11.58 P. M.—False alarm.

Nov. 11, Box 35, 12.10 A. M.—False alarm.

Nov. 13, Box 15, 7.45 A. M.—Chimney fire at residence of Oscar Hutchinson, Birch Meadow Road, no damage.

Dec. 4, Box 24, 2.45 P. M.—Fire at residence of F. E. Liberty Church St. Loss \$10,215.80.

There are at present twenty regular men and two substitutes in Hose Co. No. 1, and five regular men and two substitutes in Hose Co. No. 2.

We recommend the sum of \$3,000 be appropriated for the salaries and general maintenance of the department.

Respectfully submitted,

AARON A. HUME,  
J. ARTHUR OLLIS,  
F. O. BAILEY,

Board of Fire Engineers.



## REPORT OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

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To the Citizens of the Town of Merrimac:

The Trustees of the Merrimac Public Library herein submit their fifty-first annual report. During the past year there has been 11,395 volumes in circulation.

The monthly deliveries are as follows:

Jan.	1071	July	899
Feb.	1103	Aug.	553
Mar.	1155	Sept.	825
Apr.	1024	Oct.	1066
May	827	Nov.	1051
June	838	Dec.	915

Circulation from deposit at Centre School	68
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There have been 305 volumes added to the Library during the year, coming from the following sources:

Purchased	264
Miss Lois Lane	10
State of Massachusetts	8
Miss Ida E. Cushing	4
Dr. James L. Hill	3
Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co.	2
U. S. Government	2
Unknown	2
American Institution of Homeopathy	1
C. L. Pack	1
Henry Ford	1
Howell and Schroeder	1
Josiah H. Penniman	1
U. S. War Veterans	1

W. W. Cook	1
Mrs. Melvin Webster	3
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Total	305

At the request of the trustees, the Board of Selectmen petitioned the Probate Court to order an accounting by the executor of the will of Thomas H. Hoyt. This accounting was rendered and indicated a balance in the hands of the executor on Nov. 12, 1927, of 27,751.51, and your trustees have requested the Board of Selectmen to take action to the end of having the entire balance due under the terms of the will paid to the town.

For the ensuing year we would recommend an appropriation of \$850.

Respectfully submitted,

ABBIE W. SARGENT,  
JOHN B. JUDKINS,  
F. LESLIE VICCARO,  
A. F. HEATH,  
F. E. WALKER,  
L. R. JEWELL,

A. F. HEATH, Sec.

**REPORT OF BOARD OF ASSESSORS**  

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**Recapitulation**

## Town Appropriations:

Town budget	\$85,817.83
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## State Assessments:

State tax	4,200.00
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State highway tax	446.20
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Municipal account tax	203.54
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Municipal light tax	9.94
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## County Assessments:

County tax	4,157.86
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Overlay (of current year)	2,377.07
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Total	\$97,212.44
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**Estimated Receipts**

Income tax	\$6,723.58
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Corporation tax	1,973.78
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Bank tax	231.55
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Licenses	156.00
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Fines	185.50
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Special assessments	380.99
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General government	681.00
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Health and sanitation	573.05
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Highways	2.00
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Charities	279.14
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Soldiers' benefit	821.61
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Schools	2,634.98
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Library	70.33
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Cemeteries	25.00
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Interest on deposit	181.96
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Interest on taxes	596.75	
All other	903.60	
Total receipts	\$16,420.82	
Free cash in treasury (voted)	2,000.00	
Total deductions		\$18,420.82
Net amount raised by taxation		78,791.62
Number of polls 755 at \$2.00 each		1,510.00
Total valuation, \$1,981,580.00.		
Tax rate \$39.00		77,281.62
		\$78,791.62
Moth tax	255.62	
Total amount of all taxes in collector's books		\$79,047.24

#### Statistics From Valuation Book

December assessment	\$89.31
8 polls	16.00
	\$105.31
Abatements made in 1927:	
On levy of 1926	\$603.58
On levy of 1927	372.28
Overlay reserved for abatements:	
On levy of 1925	\$2,685.67
On levy of 1926	1,161.63
On levy of 1927	2,004.79

CLIFFORD R. HOWE,  
 GEORGE B. CROFUT,  
 HAROLD W. WHITING,  
 Board of Assessors.



## REPORT ON THE MERRIMAC TOWN FOREST TO JAN. 1, 1928

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This being the first printed report of our forest enterprise, the committee thought it wise to cover the period when it was first started to the present time.

There was an article placed in the Town Warrant by request of the State Forestry Department for the annual town meeting held March 5, 1923. At that meeting a committee was appointed to consider the feasibility of establishing a town forest. The committee appointed was Frank N. Rand, Edgar F. Sargent, Charles R. Ford, James T. Colgan and Willard T. Kelley.

At the special town meeting, Dec. 11, 1923, after the report of this committee, it was voted to establish a town forest on the lines suggested by the committee. They recommended the purchase of the Hoyt property on Church street of about seventy acres, and the setting aside of the tract on East Main street used as a water shed of about thirty acres as a town forest.

To make this taking legal, the selectmen were directed to place in the Warrant at the next annual town meeting an article in legal form to confirm the vote for the establishing of the town forest. At the annual town meeting, March 3, 1924, it was voted by more than a two-thirds vote that this action be confirmed, and the sum of \$950.00 was appropriated to purchase the Hoyt property on Church street, and the same committee was continued to carry on. This committee was also continued in office at the

annual meeting March 2, 1925, and by common consent was in office in 1926. During all this time Frank N. Rand served as chairman and Willard T. Kelley as secretary.

The Legislature in 1926 passed a law to take effect in 1927 that the selectmen in each town where a town forest had been established should, before the first day of July 1927, appoint three men to serve as a committee to have charge of the town forest, one to be elected for three years, one for two years, and one for one year; and each year thereafter one should be elected for a term of three years. The selectmen in 1927 to carry out this law elected Charles R. Ford for three years, James T. Colgan for two years and Frank N. Rand for one year. This committee met soon after they were elected and chose Frank N. Rand as chairman and James Colgan as secretary.

The original committee gave much time to the town forest work and because of this an early and favorable start was made in setting out trees. In 1924, 12,500 white pines were set out. Of this number, 5,000 four year old pines were set out by men furnished by the State without cost to the town. 7500 three year old pines were set out by men under the direction of Charles R. Ford. All these trees were furnished by the State free to the town.

In 1925, 15,000 trees were set out, all furnished free to the town. This work entailed a heavy task on Mr. Ford and his men. One day the young people of the town were asked to help in the planting and a large number responded and several hundred trees were set by both young and older residents of the town. That year were set 7,000 four year old white pines, 2,000 three year Scotch pines, 2,000 three year Austrian pines, 2,000 four year Norway spruce, and 2,000 three year Japanese red pines.

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In 1926 no trees were available from the State and none were set out.

In the year 1927, 4,000 four year old white pines were planted and 1000 three year red pines, making a total of 32,500 trees set out to date.

A portion of the Hoyt property has a growth of wood, some of which has been cut, and there is more that needs cutting soon that the young pines coming in may have a chance to grow.

In addition to the \$950.00 paid for the Hoyt land, there has been paid out for planting trees and cutting wood, the following sums:—

1924 setting trees (provided by selectmen)	\$ 90.00
1925 setting trees	180.00
1925 voted for town forest	300.00
1925 voted for cutting wood	300.00

Money not used and left in treasury in 1925, \$420.00.

1926 voted for cutting wood	\$200.00
1926 cutting and preparing wood	74.50
1926 work on forest	16.00
1926 paid town treasurer, sale of wood	160.00

Money not used and left in treasury in 1926, \$200.00.

Received for wood above expenses in 1926, \$69.50.

1927 voted for setting out trees	\$150.00
1927 setting trees	60.00
1927 care of forest	140.00
1927 from sale of wood	36.00
1927 from sale of trees	100.00

Money not used and left in treasury in 1927, \$86.00.

Total appropriated since purchase of land:

By Selectmen	\$90.00
By vote at town meeting	950.00

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\$1,040.00



Amount received for wood sold	\$196.00	
Amount received for trees sold	100.00	
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Paid for securing wood	\$74.50	
Paid for care of forests	156.00	
Paid for setting trees	330.00	
	<hr/>	\$560.50
Money voted and not used		\$775.50
Total cost of town forest to date above purchase price		\$264.50

The 32,500 trees set out are making a fine growth. The citizens should take an interest in this forest work.

One of the State forest officials says our location for a town forest is one of the best in the state.

FRANK N. RAND,  
CHARLES R. FORD,  
JAMES T. COLGAN.



**REPORT OF SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND  
MEASURES**

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:  
Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit a report of the work  
in the Department of Weights and Measures for the  
year 1927 as follows:

Molasses pump sealed	1
Scales sealed	55
Liquid measures sealed	40
Gasoline pumps sealed	18
Oil measuring pumps	6
Stops sealed	80
Kerosene pumps sealed	3

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN A. HUTCHINS, Sealer.

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

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The Board of Water Commissioners herein submit their twenty-fourth annual report for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1927.

We have added three new services, making a total of 681. December 31st there were 51 services not in use or 12 more than December 31st, 1926.

The gross expense of the Orchard St. extension was \$1,031.68.

### Estimates for the Ensuing Year

Gross expense of operating	\$9,456.00	
Bond payment	3,500.00	
Interest	700.00	
Construction	250.00	
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		\$13,906.00

### Estimated Income

Water rates	\$9,000.00	
Rent and engineer	850.00	
Water in town buildings	100.00	
Hydrant service	1,906.20	
Cash on hand	2,049.80	
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		\$13,906.00

We Recommend that the Town Appropriate:

For water in town buildings	\$100.00
For hydrant service	1,906.20
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\$2,006.20

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## Construction

Total expended \$2,300.58

## Credits

Appropriations	\$1,500.00
Laying service pipe	251.02
Miscellaneous	37.36
Sale of material	111.67
Light Dept. account payrolls	915.25

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\$2,815.30

Balance 514.72

## Maintenance

Miscellaneous and repairs	\$1,394.31
Oil and waste	52.25
Salary of superintendent	799.76
Salary of collector	469.92
Salary of commissioners	74.96
Fuel	3,050.81
Station wages	1,366.00
Office expense	563.53
Bond payment	3,500.00
Note payment	700.00
Interest	857.50
Insurance	82.93

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\$12,911.97

## Cost of Construction and Renewals

Cost to December 31, 1926	\$110,412.65
Expended 1927	1,194.06

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\$111,606.71

## Monthly Report of Pumping Station

	Gallons pumped	Hours	Minutes
January	4,056,000	187	5
February	3,288,000	150	30
March	3,600,000	151	45

April	3,360,000	153	
May	3,648,000	161	55
June	4,680,000	256	10
July	4,104,000	191	20
August	3,624,000	188	35
September	3,380,000	180	50
October	3,600,000	182	55
November	4,118,000	174	20
December	3,742,000	182	45

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45,200,000

### Balance Sheet

#### On Hand and Received:

Appropriations for construction	\$1,500.00
Appropriations for water in town buildings	100.00
Appropriations for hydrant service	2,370.00
Appropriation for maintenance	781.44
Water rates	9,291.32
Repairing service pipe	129.14
Laying service pipe	251.02
Miscellaneous	48.36
Light Dept. rent of station	350.00
Light Dept. station wages	500.00
Light Dept. office expense	219.76
Light Dept. payrolls	915.25
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1927	806.06
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	\$17,262.35

#### Expended and on Hand:

For construction	\$2,300.58
For maintenance	12,911.97
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1928	2,049.80

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\$17,262.35

LOUIS B. DAVIS,  
JOHN MARSHALL,  
CHAS. A. LANCASTER,  
Board of Water Commissioners.



## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD

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The Municipal Light Board herein submit their twenty-fourth annual report for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1927.

During the year we have installed 42 new lighting services and one power service and there were in use Dec. 31, 1927, 704 lighting services and 20 power services.

Estimates under Section 57 of Chapter 164, General Laws.

### Expense

Gross expense of operating	\$24,895.00
Depreciation 3 % on \$61,934.90	1,858.04
	<hr/> \$26,753.04

### Income

Private consumers	\$25,000.00
Municipal buildings	526.56
Street lighting	1,226.48
	<hr/> \$26,753.04
To be included in the tax levy	\$1,753.04

### Expended 1927

Constructon:	
Street lines	\$1,459.27
Meters	566.99
Transformers	579.05
	<hr/> \$2,605.31
Renewals from depreciation fund	485.80

## Maintenance:

Current purchased	\$18,633.21
Station wages	500.00
Rent of station	350.00
Repairing lines, etc.	1,091.17
Lamps, etc.	1,571.67
Tools	58.37
Salary of manager	1,269.82
Salary of collector	739.92
Salary of commissioners	74.92
Office expense	416.46
Insurance	134.83
Transfer to town	2,000.00
Incidental	483.73

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\$27,324.10

## Cost of Construction:

Steam plant	\$3,985.39
Electric plant	4,481.01
Street lines	33,094.37
Transformers	9,590.90
Meters	8,854.11
Street lighting equipment	1,929.12

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\$61,934.90

**Balance Sheet**

## On Hand and Received:

Construction fund, Jan. 1,	
1927	\$4,678.66
Depreciation fund, Jan. 1,	
1927	5,502.81
Reserve fund, Jan. 1, 1927	6,690.43
Operation fund, Jan. 1,	
1927	2,025.00
Sale of power	8,077.88
Sale of light	22,294.25

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Appropriation town lights	1,617.25
Appropriation construction	648.62
Pole rentals	21.65
Sale of lamps, etc.	1,372.28
Miscellaneous	231.39
Use of truck	98.27
Interest on depreciation fund	223.73
Interest on reserve fund	304.43

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\$53,786.65

## Expended and on Hand:

Construction and re- newals	\$3,091.11
Maintenance	25,324.10
Transfer to town	2,000.00
Depreciation fund	7,012.99
Reserve fund	6,994.86
Operation fund	4,000.00
Construction fund	5,363.59

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\$53,786.65

LOUIS B. DAVIS,  
JOHN MARSHALL,  
CHAS. A. LANCASTER,  
Municipal Light Board.

## REPORT OF COLLECTOR OF TAXES

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A. Raymond Waterhouse, Collector, in account  
with the Town of Merrimac:

### FINAL ACCOUNT—1926 TAX LIST AND ADDITIONS

#### Dr.

To uncollected resident taxes (last report)	\$7,132.40
To uncollected non-resident taxes (last report)	2,602.43
To uncollected Attitash Park taxes (last report)	445.25
To late assessments (last report)	23.68
To late collections (last report)	5,996.07
To interest received on overdue taxes	635.40
	<hr/> \$16,835.23

#### Cr.

By cash paid to Town Treasurer	\$16,231.65
By abatements	299.36
By tax titles held by the town	304.22
	<hr/> \$16,835.23

### 1927 ACCOUNT

#### Dr.

To 1927 tax list and additions	\$79,152.55
To interest received on overdue taxes	133.64
	<hr/> \$79,286.19



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Cr.

By cash paid to Town	
Treasurer	\$61,422.27
By uncollected resident taxes	7,393.40
By uncollected non-resident	
taxes	2,376.99
By uncollected Attitash Park	
taxes	400.60
By abatements	372.28
By late assessments	28.08
Collected since Dec. 31, 1927	7,292.57
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	\$79,286.19

## UNCOLLECTED RESIDENT TAXES

Abbott, Daniel O. heirs	\$126.36
Allen, Fred E.	33.45
Anderson, Charles B.	6.29
Bacon, Chas. A. and Mary A.	103.40
Badashaw, K. Jean, bal.	27.65
Bailey, James W. and Cora F.	63.62
Bailey, Gordon K.	2.00
Bailey, Lucy, heirs and Dev.	2.73
Battis, Elmer E.	123.29
Battis, J. William	102.62
Bisson, Joseph	431.11
Bouley, Mary B.	62.40
Bousquet, Henry R., bal.	38.30
Brennan, Patrick	37.30
Brown, Ira H.	8.24
Brown, Perley W.	8.24
Bunker, George E.	37.10
Burke, Orin W.	75.32
Chard, Franklin A.	60.30
Colburn, Horace D.	68.30
Collins, John J. and Alice M.	82.17
Connor, J. Fred and Doris	72.20

Connor, Timothy heirs	29.25
Bernard, Melbourne G., bal.	17.55
Deminie, Adelaide	105.16
Demerit, Charles L.	87.80
Demerit, Elmer J.	3.17
Dow, Mrs. L. A. heirs	35.10
Eldridge, Wallace L.	46.80
Emery, George	2.00
Eastman, Charles F.	56.55
Eaton, Leslie R. and Annie L.	44.85
Flanders, Lucy W.	1.17
Foster, Natt	2.00
Foster, Willis J.	87.80
Freeman, George S., bal.	14.10
Gould, I. Morrill, bal.	85.03
Hall, Howard W.	2.00
Hargraves, Arthur E.	94.93
Haskell, Kenneth E.	48.41
Haskell, Myron H.	4.73
Heath, Fred L.	77.27
Herbert, Victor, bal.	10.00
Hollinside, Frederick	2.00
Hopkinson, Fred T.	185.96
How, J. Duncon	89.13
Hoyt, Eva M.	46.80
Hoyt, Horace W.	66.45
Hughes, Laura B.	33.15
Humphreys, James Jr.	51.92
Hutchins, John A.	6.68
Hutchinson, Ethel A., et als	67.08
Hughes, Mary A.	81.90
Janos, Nicholas E.	2.00
Kelly, Willard B., bal.	74.88
Kingsbury, Ella E., bal.	21.90
Koniskiski, John	2.00
Kourian, George W.	3.17
Krebs, Harry C.	56.15

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Lamb, Charles J.	62.70
Larivee, Rudolph	150.98
LaValley, Wilfred	53.48
Legault, Henry	48.80
Lennard, Agnes	31.20
MacTaggart, William	2.00
Masterman, Charles	2.00
Mathison, Agnes E.	81.90
McCutcheon, Thos. & Margaret	89.75
McInnis, George A.	117.00
Meagher, Arthur F., bal.	3.51
Merrill, Moses B.	66.35
Millett, Fred	2.00
Naismith, James B.	166.97
Nesbit, Walter J.	9.02
Parker, Fred E.	61.25
Patterson, Leslie B.	7.80
Perkins, John F.	49.97
Pickard, Arthur G.	4.73
Picard, Ludger	48.80
Purdy, George B.	77.27
Quinney, Jacob E. and Nettie A.	48.41
Rand, Frank N. and Fannie H.	399.90
Reardon, Fred A.	8.63
Reynolds, Lester L.	11.36
Roberts, Walter S., et als	1.95
Rogers, Annie E.	76.05
Sargent, John K. and S. Bixby, bal.	171.94
Sargent, Ralph H., bal.	65.69
Sargent, T. Monroe, bal.	28.50
Sargent, William I.	139.67
Sawyer, Dorothy	1.17
Shaw, William L.	2.00
Smith, Albert G.	119.50
Smith, George P.	44.12
Smith, Herbert R.	7.80
Smith, William S.	57.40

Sutherland, Annie L.	44.85
Steer, Wm. R. Jr.	148.96
Stevens, Geo. V. and Margaret	54.65
Stewart, Fred H.	122.12
Sweeney, Harry	9.80
Streeter, Chester W., bal.	38.22
Streeter, Mary T., bal.	34.00
Streeter, Wm. C. and Josephine, bal.	142.65
Stuart, James H.	15.60
Sullivan, Mortimer M.	2.00
Surette, Frederick G.	2.00
Tilton, Starling	3.56
Valleries, Joseph I.	172.82
Wallace, Earle G. and Althea G.	100.19
Wallace, L. H., bal.	54.25
Whittier, Herbert	4.73
Wilkins, Frank	2.00
Witham, Carlton C. and Melissa A.	166.97
Worcester, Edward H.	44.90
Worcester, Georgia M.	410.38
Wright Garage Co., bal.	277.95

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Total	\$7,393.40
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#### UNCOLLECTED NON-RESIDENT TAXES

Bishop, Carrie	\$13.65
Block, Isadore H., et als	34.32
Boyd, Jerome	7.80
Clapp, Charles G. Co.	347.10
Dawley, Julia A., bal.	33.00
Dore, Leslie	118.95
Garavanta, John heirs	79.95
Gillett, Burt W.	39.00
Grimm, Sarah A.	59.50
Hannon, William J.	289.60
Knapp, Carroll S.	1.95
Marcus, Louis & Anna	772.20



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Mears, Arthur L.	8.19
Rawsons, Product Co.	274.95
Rowell, W. E., et als, bal.	30.85
Sargent, B. Frank	7.80
Scott, Leona R.	46.80
Spencer, Eleanor M.	145.08
Stickney, Adeline W.	7.80
Talbot, Adelaide S.	3.90
Walsh, Anna E.	7.80
Whitman, John R.	46.80
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Total	\$2,376.99

A. RAYMOND WATERHOUSE,  
Collector.



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Annual Report  
of the  
School Committee  
of the  
Town of Merrimac

For the Year Ending Dec. 31,  
1927

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## 51ST ANNUAL REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE

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The School Committee respectfully submit the following report:

After the election in March of Dr. Frederick E. Sweetsir as a member, the Committee organized with Willard T. Kelly, Chairman and Harry A. Pease, Secretary and Purchasing Agent.

We feel that the last year has been very satisfactory as a whole. While we have as usual lost some good teachers by their being able to secure larger salaries in other places than we could pay, we feel that we have had a very good teaching force.

Two outstanding losses were Miss Dorothy Dixon, teacher of English in the High School, whose place is being very ably filled by Miss Constance Witherell of Taunton, and Frank A. Robinson, former Principal of our Junior High, who is succeeded by Chester G. Wickett of Oldtown, Maine. Mr. Wickett is holding up the high standard set by Mr. Robinson.

Drawing and music deserve especial attention. With Miss Annie Kelly as special teacher of drawing and Douglas A. Porel in charge of music we are fortunate in having instruction of a high order in these subjects. With only one teacher for a subject in all the grades and High School, only a short time can be allotted to each grade. Nevertheless, we are having very good results from both of these studies.

We hope the Town will take some action at the annual meeting in March on the proposition brought

up at the last annual meeting in regard to purchasing a tract of land for school purposes. It will be a matter of comparatively few years only, when our present school buildings will be obsolete and it seems good business policy to look ahead.

Our present school grounds are practically destitute of playground facilities and a tract of land owned by the Town somewhere near the center would be of inestimable value to the youth of the Town.

During the last year we have had the High School painted and we think all will agree that it brightens up the whole neighborhood. We were also obliged to put up two new ceilings and do considerable repairing on the furnaces.

We have installed modern toilet facilities in the basement of the Prospect School, for which the Town voted a special appropriation of \$1,000.00. We discovered while doing this work that the furnace was completely worn out and we were obliged to install a new one. We also cemented the floor and installed a work bench where the pupils can obtain some practice in manual training.

During the epidemic of infantile paralysis we considered it best to close the schools, three weeks in the grades and two in High School. While we were not as hard hit as some of the surrounding communities, notably Haverhill, we felt that it was far better to lose the schooling than to take any chances of our young people contracting this dread disease.

As the State law compels us to keep the grade schools in session 165 days and the High School 180 days, it looked as though we would be obliged to keep school into July. This will probably not be necessary, however, as the Commissioner of Education has a bill before the Legislature which if passed

will allow him to suspend these rules in case of the closing of schools on account of epidemics.

We feel grateful to Stanley Wood Post of the American Legion, for the gift of a piano which we have placed in Mrs. Kingsbury's room at the Center School. It will materially assist Mr. Porel in the instruction in music.

WILLARD T. KELLY,  
FRED E. SWEETSIR,  
HARRY A. PEASE.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

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**SUMMARY OF EXPENSES 1927****General Control:**

School Committee salaries	\$175.00	
School Committee expenses	14.40	
Superintendent Schools		
salary	634.96	
Travelling	100.00	
Office expenses	79.85	
Attendance officer	50.00	
School census	25.00	
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		\$1,079.21

**COST OF INSTRUCTION**

High School teachers	\$7,108.50	
Elementary teachers	9,885.13	
Special teachers	700.00	
High School books	255.86	
High School supplies	290.21	
Elementary books	542.28	
Elementary supplies	417.28	
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		\$19,199.26

**CARE OF BUILDINGS**

High School janitor salary	\$410.00
Elementary janitor salaries	622.00
High School supplies and care	100.81
Elementary supplies and care	189.26
High School fuel	934.30
Elementary fuel	1,166.18



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High School repairs and improvement	714.68	
Elementary repairs and improvement	1,417.09	
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		\$5,554.32

### TRANSPORTATION

Motor vehicles	\$2,130.00	
Street car tickets	210.00	
Insurance	240.61	
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		\$2,580.61

### HEALTH

School nurse	\$234.00	
School nurse supplies	1.91	
School physician	50.00	
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		\$285.91
Tuition		66.00
Miscellaneous High School	8.50	
Miscellaneous, Elementary	19.25	27.75
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New equipment High School	308.90	
New equipment, Elementary	70.01	
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		\$378.91

### SPECIAL FOR TOILETS

Paid on Junior High School toilets	999.97	
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Total		\$30,171.94

### APPROPRIATIONS

School Committee salaries	\$175.00
General appropriation	28,825.00

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Dog tax from County	186.99	
Special for J. H. toilets	1,000.00	
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Total appropriations		\$30,186.99
Total expenses		30,171.94
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Balance		15.05

## TREASURER'S RECEIPTS FOR 1927

County dog tax	\$186.99	
General School Fund, Part II.	2,191.66	
General School Fund, Part I.	4,050.00	
State for Supt. of Schools	483.34	
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		\$6,911.99
Due from State tuition wards		397.60
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Total		\$7,309.59
Total expended regular appropriations		\$29,171.97
Total credits and reimbursements for 1927		7,309.59
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Balance, net expense		\$21,862.38

## SPECIAL APPROPRIATION

Junior High toilets—expended	999.97	
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Total		\$22,862.35

## ESTIMATES FOR 1928 EXPENSES

## General Control:

School Committee salary	\$175.00	
Superintendent salary and expenses	750.00	
Census, attendance officer and miscellaneous	125.00	
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		\$1,050.00

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## Instruction:

Special teachers	750.00	
High School teachers	7,400.00	
Elementary School teachers	10,200.00	
Books and supplies	1,650.00	
	<hr/>	\$20,000.00

## Care of Buildings:

Janitors' salaries	\$1,050.00	
Fuel	2,000.00	
Cleaning, care and supplies	350.00	
Repairs	1,000.00	
	<hr/>	\$4,400.00

Tuition	\$120.00
Transportation insurance	300.00
Regular transportation	2,350.00
Health	300.00
Miscellaneous	80.00
New equipment	400.00

Total	<hr/>	\$29,000.00
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## ESTIMATES FOR 1928 RECEIPTS

General School Fund, Part II.	\$2,074.41	
General School Fund, Part I.	4,040.00	
Superintendent schools	483.34	
County dog tax	175.00	
Tuition of wards and miscellaneous	227.25	
	<hr/>	\$7,000.00
Total of 1928 Estimates expenses	\$29,000.00	
Total of 1928 Estimates receipts	7,000.00	
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Balance Estimate of tax cost		\$22,000.00

## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

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To the School Committee of Merrimac, Mass.,

Gentlemen:

I am pleased to submit herewith a short report on conditions in the school system.

### Teachers

Four resignations from teachers of outstanding personalities have occurred during the year. The first withdrawal was that of Mrs. Pearl C. Van Houten in the February vacation. As a substitute had to be secured on short notice, Miss Dora Lutts who was working for an advance degree in the Social Sciences in Boston University was given a trial for six weeks. Then Miss Evelyn E. Kellett of Lawrence was employed as a substitute for the remainder of the school year. Miss Kellett, who is a graduate of Colby College, was engaged later for the school year beginning in September.

The next resignation, also from the High School, was from Miss Dorothy Dixon of the English Department. After two years of successful work with us, Miss Dixon secured a position near Boston at a higher salary. This vacancy was filled by the election of Miss Constance D. Witherell of Taunton, Mass. Miss Witherell who is a graduate of Boston University in the class of 1927 is a young woman of excellent personality and of natural aptitude for teaching.

The end of the school year also brought the resignation of Miss Ruth Pugsley from the fifth grade of the Centre School after only one year of service with us. This vacancy was filled by the election of



Mrs. Sadie McKenzie of Amesbury who was after the opening of the Fall Term transferred to Grade IV. and Mrs. Sawyer put in charge of Grade V.

In August Mr. Frank A. Robinson who for two and a half years had been principal of the Prospect School or Junior High School resigned to become principal of the Jackman and Brown Schools in Newburyport at an advance of about five hundred dollars in salary. His leadership of the boys and girls of the seventh and eighth grades at the Junior High made a great success of the reorganization plan put into effect two years ago last September.

His successor is Mr. Chester D. Wickett, a graduate of the Colorado State Teachers College and a native of Maine.

In June leave of absence was granted to Miss Rose Schifino of the Junior High School for about two and a half months in the fall term in order that she might take a trip to Europe. As a substitute for her, Miss Zella W. Hardy of Georgetown was secured.

The educational advantages of the present teaching force is worthy of a word of comment. No teacher above the sixth grade has had less than four years study beyond High School. The seven teachers in the Senior and Junior High Schools are from six different educational institutions as follows: Bates College, two; Colby College and Boston University, one each; Salem Normal, Bridgewater Normal and Colorado State Teachers College, all in four year courses, one each. The two Junior High teachers have visited Europe. Mr. Wickett has traveled more than most young men while getting his education. He has studied at the University of London and seen something of Europe. Miss Schifino this fall went on one of the American Legion trips to Europe.

Of the seven teachers in the first six grades, five have completed two year normal courses as follows: Salem Normal, three teachers; Castine Normal and Lesley Normal one each. This makes twelve of the fourteen regular teachers who are Normal or College graduates.

The remaining two teachers are secondary school graduates with long teaching experience and with summer school attendance to their credit.

### **Improvements**

The outstanding improvement is the installation of first class toilets at the Junior High School in place of the old outdoor toilets which in past years have sometimes been in a condition to menace decency, health, and morals.

While the toilet was being put in, a cement floor was laid in the whole basement, which makes it possible to use space here for practical arts club work.

### **New Books**

Several sets of new books have been bought especially for the Junior High School and the grade schools.

### **Music**

The musical work has been continued under the direction of Mr. Douglas A. Porell. Excellent results are being obtained in all grades. The singing at the graduating exercises and other public entertainments has been very creditable.

### **Drawing**

The art work in the schools has been under the direction of Miss Annie A. Kelley. An interesting exhibition of her work was held in the Centre building near the close of the school year last June which was very creditable to Miss Kelley and her pupils.

Several sheets were selected from this exhibit and sent to the Topsfield Fair.

### **Attendance**

The average membership for the school year was 415, which is about 15 less than for 1926. 69,840 days of schooling was furnished. The per cent of attendance was 95.6 which is the highest for many years. Forty-nine pupils were not absent during the school year ending last June. Of this number, three pupils had not been absent for five years, three more pupils had not been absent for three years and five other pupils had finished the second year without absence from school.

The Centre Fifth Grade had the highest per cent of attendance for the school year 97.3 while the Merrimacport and the J. H. S. Grade Eight were next to the highest with 97% attendance.

A list of pupils not absent over five days during the year has been made. This contains one hundred and forty names. Commendable Attendance is awarded to these pupils.

### **Statistical Data**

The usual table of attendance, the lists of graduates and the lists of Honor and Commendable Attendance pupils will be found after this report.

The report of the High School Principal is likewise submitted for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN N. KNOX,

Superintendent of Schools.



## REPORT OF PRINCIPAL OF HIGH SCHOOL

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Merrimac, Mass., January, 1928.

To Mr. H. N. Knox, Superintendent, and the Members of the School Board.

Dear Sirs:

I present the following as my annual report of the High School. The enrollment is as follows:

	Girls	Boys	Totals
Freshmen	22	9	31
Sophomores	18	9	27
Juniors	12	11	23
Seniors	13	8	21
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Totals	65	37	102

The attendance (96.4%) for the fall term is the second highest it has been for the same corresponding period in this decade. The school is in Class A, approved by the State Board of Education; and our certificate is accepted by the New England Entrance Certificate Board.

Although we lost three weeks in the fall term on account of the infantile paralysis epidemic, several of the classes are as far advanced in their work as at this time of last year. This may be due to one or both of two things; better grouping in the classes or the study period which we have before school in the morning and at noon. This fact speaks well for both the teachers and the student body.

The usual activities have been carried on during the past year. For one week in November, the school put through, quite successfully, a magazine campaign, initiated by the Crowell Publishing Co.



The money obtained was divided (1-3 and 2-3) between purchasing victrola records for Mr. Porell's history and appreciation of music course in the school and for the athletic association.

The \$15.00 given to the school by the class of 1926 has been used as a part payment on a duplicator. Thanks to the School Board, the balance has been received and forwarded to the A. B. Dick Company. This duplicator can be used for printing tickets, programs, miscellaneous notices and papers used in the routine of the school, and possibly for the publishing of the school paper.

I extend my thanks and appreciation to the Superintendent and the Members of the School Board for their co-operation in the administration of the High School.

Respectfully submitted,

AUBREY W. TABOR,  
Principal of the High School.

**SENIOR HIGH CLASS OF 1927**

Hazel Lucy Bishop	Walter David Calnan
Shirley George Condon	Myrtle Irene Earle
Helen Ruth Hargraves	Russell C. Harrington
Elsie Laura Meagher	Enola Daisy Stanton
Richard L. Trefthen	Henry Philip Walker
Everett Tracy Wheeler	

**JUNIOR HIGH CLASS OF 1927**

*Evelyn Beloff	*Evelyn Bourgeois
*Ruth Burnham	*Linna Carroll
*Grace Chaput	*Irma Corney
*Edith Crofut	*Alice Doust
*Dorothy Eastman	*Frances Gilmore
*Marion Howe	*Lucille Godin
Dorothy Monroe	*Gertrude McCarron
Florence Olson	*Pearl Morgan
*Helen Russell	*Helen Peaslee
Elizabeth Tankuns	*Nordis Sande
*Grace Worcester	*Kenneth Fowle
*Ernest Frye	*Reginald Hardy
*Bernard Hume	*Wilfred Journeay
*Henry McCarron	Albert Quinney
*Paul Schultz	*George Trefethen
* Entered Merrimac High in September.	

**HONOR ATTENDANCE**  

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**PUPILS NOT ABSENT****From September 1922—June 1927****Five Years**

Arthur E. Carroll

Grace Chaput

Donna Hall

**From September 1924—June 1927****Three Years**

Charlotte Franklin

Frances L. Gilmore

Phyllis Harvey

**From September 1925—June 1927****Two Years**

M. Jean MacDougall

Florence Hutchins

Hortense G. Sande

Reginald Hardy

Rita Hardy

**From September 1926—June 1927****One Year**

Lillian Clark

Mary Sutherland

George Hoyt

Donald Delong

Evelyn Beloff

Frances Hutchins

Marion Howe

Mildred Wood

Florence Olson

Charlotte Sande

Kenneth Fowle

Brooks Gilmore

George Trefethen

Lois E. Schultz

Constanti Sanuk

Linna Carroll

Louise Franklin

Pearl Morgan

Jennie Joudrey

Grace Worcester

Eugene Deminie

Paul Schultz

Helen A. Sanuk

Robert Carter

Howard Delong

Thelma Dimick

John Sloban

Georgine Smith

Ruth Sheldon	Frederick Bailey
Janice E. Howe	Florabelle Joudrey
Lorin G. Clark	Leona Noone
James Liberty	George Ray Clark Jr.
Margaret Hardy	Lillian Sande

### COMMENDABLE ATTENDANCE

#### **Pupils Not Absent Over Five Days from September 1926 to June 1927**

Frances Todd	Harold Smith
Bertha Clark	Melvin Webster
Geraldine Douglas	Irving Blake
William Howe	John Fitzgerald
Arlene Webster	Ernest Hughes
Dana Colby	Hepke Kotzebue
George Odiorne	Edward Larivee
Ralph Bowser	Donald MacDougall
Marjorie Foule	Francis Sloban
Mary Hutchins	George Sutherland
Margaret Manning	John Walker
Marjorie Smith	Helen Earle
William Casazza	Ruth Eastman
Everett Eaton	Charlotte Haskell
Myron Kelley	Rose Mader
George Sargent	Arlene Smith
Reginald Tabor	Irma Corney
Mary Boudeau	Antonia Godin
Shirley Lord	Gertrude McCarron
Marvis Prescott	Dorothy Monroe
Berdina Schiavoni	Elizabeth Tankuns
Alice Titcomb	Ernest Frye
Harold Fitzgerald	Wilfred Journeay
Clyde Frost	Henry McCarron
Fred Kennett	Albert Quinney
Leon Smith	Robert Casazza
Donald Sutherland	Grace Clark
John Thornton	Harold Clark



Millard Titcomb  
Mythel Collins  
Eleanor Gannon  
Marion Perkins  
Thomas Mann  
Donald Webster  
Jane Byard  
Natalie Carroll  
Margaret Dow  
Arlene Hirst  
Mary Manning  
Marjorie Odiorne  
Alice Sande  
Alice Webster  
Hazel Zinck  
Lois A. Clark  
Irene Hargraves  
Helen How  
Margaret Hoyt  
Eleanor Stanley  
Ida Thornton  
Beatrice Hazeltine  
Richard Calnan  
Leon Dow  
Daniel Hargraves  
Willard Kelley  
John McCarron  
William McCarron  
Corey Reynolds  
Edward Stanley  
Chester Streeter  
Evelyn Gilmore  
Florence Hume  
Estelle Isaacs  
Ida Legault  
Jeanett Odiorne  
Allegra Spinney

Lawrence Colman  
Shirley Condon  
Theron Condon  
Marguerite Deminie  
Mildred Deminie  
Alice Doust  
Myrtle Earle  
Anna Eaton  
Rosamond Foster  
Edith Gillen  
Ethel Golden  
Virginia Goodwin  
Evelyn Pettigrew  
Maude Robinson  
Helen Rogers  
Marjorie Sargent  
Raymond Sawyer  
Theresa Sloban  
Beatrice Smith  
Lloyd Stanley  
Charlotte Staples  
Richard Trefethen  
Mura Trenholm  
Henry Whitcomb  
Isabel Wright  
Dorothy Hale  
Florence Hargraves  
Mae Harrington  
Frank Haskell  
Evelyn Hirst  
Hilda Kidston  
Margery Kidston  
Edith Kierstead  
Dorethea Larivee  
Waldo Lehto  
Elizabeth MacTaggart  
Andrew Mader

Anna Tamnick  
 Myrtle Reynolds  
 Ernest Messier  
 Paul Metcalf  
 Ernest Rogers

Allen Manning  
 Sherman McCutcheon  
 Roy E. Morgan  
 Raymond Odiorne  
 Ruth Odiorne

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### SCHOOL YEAR 1926-1927

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#### Attendance Data

	Total	Average	Percent of	Days
School Membership	Membership	Attendance	Attendance	
Merrimacport	28	19.7	97.0	3,329½
Centre I	46	35.7	93.2	5,778½
Centre II	42	37.9	93.6	6,208½
Centre III	46	42.6	94.4	7,006½
Centre IV	45	41.3	96.3	6,933½
Centre V	34	30.6	97.3	5,228½
Centre VI	42	38.5	95.7	6,372½
J. H. S. VII	43	36.9	96.3	6,216
J. H. S. VIII	35	33.3	97.0	5,619
Total				
Elementary	361	316.5	95.5	52,692½
Senior High	103	98.8	95.9	17,147½
Town Total	464	415.3	95.6	69,840

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